

Trinity Parish

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Worship and Learning at Trinity - Spring 2006

Trinity Church School

Sunday Morning

In the Church School hour, 9:30 to 10:30, classes happen for all ages.

For Children

Nursery, Room 225

3s and 4s, Room 221

Pre-K, Room 222

K-Grade 5, First Floor of the Education Wing

K through 5 classes "rotate" through varying activities coordinated through themes.

For Youth

Middle School (Grades 6 and 7), Room 11

Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation (Grade 8), Room 236

Senior High (Grades 9-12), Room 12

For Adults

Exceptional Folks, Room 235

The John L. Bush Bible Study, Room 237

Book Discussion Group, Room 232-234

Meets monthly every third Sunday—booklist by the class door.

Life Builders, Room 227-229

Rejoice!, Room 228-230

Sunday Church School will not take place for children and youth on Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, or the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

Our eighth-grade Affirmation of Baptism Class will be confirmed into the Trinity Church family on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

Special Topics, Spring 2006

Special Topics programs also happen on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with the exception of Affirmation of Faith, beginning at 9:15.

Affirmation of Faith, Library

Classes for new members; classes for Spring 2006 begin on January 8 and again on April 23, each series six weeks.

Prison Ministry, Room 126 - February 19, 26; March 5

Vicar Marie Meeks and guest Larry Coleman, Chaplain of Dauphin County Prison, present a series on prison ministry and our challenge to reach out.

Deeper into India, Room 126 - March 12, 19

Drawing on his close experience and insight, Pastor John Brock offers a more penetrating look into the joys and crises of our mission in India and the world.

Forgiveness: A Miracle of Love, Room 126 - April 23

Pastor Nancy Easton leads a discussion of the pastor and congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church (Lynnwood, Washington) and the arsonist who torched and destroyed the church building. This is a reflection on the importance, and difficulty, of forgiveness.

The Lion, the Witch, the Movie, Room 232-234 - May 7, 14

Christopher Couch takes us into the pages and behind the scenes of C. S. Lewis's The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.

Trinity Worship

Thursday Evening

An informal worship service with Communion at 6:30 in the Chapel

Saturday Evening

Worship in Fellowship Hall at 5:30

Sunday Morning

Traditional Services in the Nave at 8:15 and 11:00

Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall at 10:45 with Praise and Worship music at 10:30

Sunday Afternoon

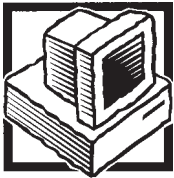
Service of Healing

monthly every third Sunday at 3:30 in the Chapel

Sunday Evening

YG (Youth Group),

led by Peter A. Fox,
Director of Youth Ministry



Staff Notes

By The Reverend Nancy R. Easton
A Pinch of This, a Pinch of That . . .

Hmmmm . . . something’s missing . . . I thought I followed the recipe exactly, adding all the ingredients necessary . . . but it just doesn’t taste right. I know—I’ll add some more sugar. Maybe that’s what is missing. No, that’s not it either. I have enough sugar. I need something else . . .

Have you ever experienced that in the kitchen? The **absence** of one single ingredient can make all the difference in the world. And that particular ingredient’s **presence**? Well, as Julia Child used to say, *“Bon appetit!”*

But I’m dealing in metaphors here. It’s not cooking that I’m contemplating. I’m really talking about the Church, which is the Body of Christ. And the something (or shall I say, someone?) that is missing might just be **you**.

There is the you that has gotten out of the habit of regular worship. There is the you that skedaddles out the door on the last verse of the final hymn or song. There is the you that participates in worship gladly but offers few of your precious talents to the ministries of this congregation.

Some of our lessons during this Epiphany season deal with Jesus’ gathering of disciples. These earliest followers seemed to be initially gathered without much difficulty. But it was the keeping them gathered and focused that must have been hard. So Jesus constantly taught his disciples, patiently answered their many questions, and continually challenged them to serve like him. Jesus told his disciples they were the “salt of the earth.” (Matthew 5:13a) You see, he spoke in metaphors, too. He encouraged them to maintain their saltiness. In other words, their living out their faith would be noticed by the world, and would have incredible impact in the world. I encourage you to be salty.

That is part of what we’re about here at Trinity. It is a place not only to worship and give thanks to God, but it is also a place where we listen and learn from our Lord. Where we hear his patient answers to our questions, and where we receive his challenge to be salty, serving in his name. We all need this time for listening and learning. And we can help each other in the midst of that time, strengthening each other for the variety of ministries we do, both in this building and beyond.

As I often tell those attending our new members class, it is all too easy to be “anonymous” in a large congregation such as Trinity. All too easy to slip in and slip out. All too easy to remain disconnected from the rest of the Body. But trust me—you’re not truly anonymous. There are people here who genuinely miss you and all you have to offer as part of the Body.

How grateful I am for the part of the recipe **you** play—the flavoring you add to the life of Trinity and the communities in which you live and work. Our recipe is sorely lacking without you.



Happy Birthday

Homebound Birthdays

- February 6 **Harry Reel**
 Country Meadows - ACU
 4831 East Trindle Road
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- February 10 **Helen Reichel**
 Bethany Retirement Center
 Apt. # 133
 325 Wesley Drive
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- February 14 **Carol Anderson**
 5225 Wilson Lane
 Apt. # 4101
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- February 16 **Mary Hull**
 423 Appletree Road
 Camp Hill, PA 17011
- February 21 **Doris Frey**
 3308 James Buchanan Drive
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022
- February 23 **Carrie Harman**
 Penn Lutheran Village
 Room # 309
 800 Broad Street
 Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Staff Birthdays

- February 9 **Susan Pennington**
- February 12 **Tom Notestine**

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
 OF MATERIAL FOR THE MARCH ISSUE
 OF TRINITY PARISH WILL BE
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
 NO EXCEPTIONS**

Please e-mail articles **DIRECTLY**
 to the Editor, Donna Sprowls
 at parish@trinitycamphill.org

Artists of the Month

By Amy Koch

The artist for the month of February is actually a group of young artists. They are the 2½, 3, 4, and 5 year-olds from Trinity's own Preschool Playgroup. The teachers have gathered some of their students' favorite pieces of artwork using a variety of materials and methods. Each piece of art is listed with the artist's first name, class, and skill objective. Trinity Preschool Playgroup encourages learning through play, believing that process takes precedence over product. The school, now in its 29th year, holds morning classes Monday through Thursday. The staff includes Director Heather Rose and teachers Deb Snoko, Suzanne Quigley, Trish Gallick, Linda McCollum, Wynne Enbleton, April Schock, Wendy Fronte, and Trinity members Julie George, Amy Koch and Angie Clark. Trinity Preschool Playgroup has an enrollment of 106 children and is currently registering students for next school year. If you enjoy our artwork, come up to the preschool wing any Sunday morning and view our art, which is always on display in the hallway.

**TRINITY SENIOR'S LUNCHEON
TO BE HELD, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15
AT NOON
FELLOWSHIP HALL
COST - \$6.00 PER PERSON**

**PROGRAM (TO BE ANNOUNCED) WILL FOLLOW LUNCH
PLAN TO COME AND BRING A GUEST OR TWO**

SIGN UP: RECEPTION DESK IN THE GATHERING SPACE

Women of Trinity

Women Like Us. The *Women Like Us* series continues in February as the Women of Trinity Circle groups study "Deborah: Leading God's People." The scripture will focus on Judges 4-5; I Timothy 2:9-14; John 13:1-5, 12-17; and Luke 22:24-27. The *Women Like Us* series is designed to encourage women in their spiritual journeys and draws comparisons to women of the Bible, whose lives have many similarities to our own. *The item for this month is toothpaste and/or soft bristle toothbrush.* Please come and join us. There is a time for everyone.

Date	Time	Circle	Place
Feb. 6 – Monday	7:00 p.m.	6 & 8	Library
Feb. 7 – Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	1	Library
Feb. 7 – Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	4	Room 237
Feb. 7 – Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	5	Library

What's new on Trinity's web site – www.trinitycamphill.org?

By Jeff Weaver, Webmaster

There have been several new pages added to Trinity's web site since the beginning of the year that may be of interest to you.

Photo Tour of the building – You can now take an online photo tour of both the exterior and interior of the building. You can even hear our Director of Music play C. S. Lang's *Tuba Tune* on our organ. To get to the Photo Tour page – Click on the **About Trinity** button on the left side of any page, then click on the **Photo Tour** button of the header area. Or, click on the **Quick Links** button on the left side of any page and then click on the link to "**Photo tour of the building.**"

The Art of Trinity – Trinity has art found in so many different places within the church. This page is an ongoing attempt to highlight those various art works. As of the writing of this article, the page features "The Instructive Christ," "The Good Shepherd," "David and the Lambs," "Cross and Cantilever Altar" located in the columbarium, the freestanding cross in Fellowship Hall, the "Christus Rex", "The Great Commission" window in the nave, the chapel stained glass, the "Centennial Quilt" and the "Centennial Banner." This page is still very much a work in progress and more art and more detailed information about the art already included will be added over time. To get to the **Art of Trinity** page – Click on the **Arts & Music** button on the left side of any page, then click on "**The Art of Trinity**" button in the header area. Or click on the **Quick Links** button on the left side of any page and then click on the link to "Art of Trinity".

Renewing Worship at Trinity – This page has been added to provide the congregation with information about the *Renewing Worship* emphasis of the ELCA and how that emphasis is being incorporated into our worship at Trinity. It includes links to the ELCA's *Renewing Worship* web site, ELCA resource materials and news about *Renewing Worship* specific to Trinity. To get to the **Renewing Worship at Trinity** page – Click on the **Worship Services** button on the left side of any page, then click on the link that says "**Click here for the Renewing Worship at Trinity page.**" Or click on the **Quick Links** button on the left side of any page and then click on the link to "**Renewing Worship at Trinity.**"



Trinity Prayer Concerns

We pray to show compassion.

Lord help us to be neither too busy nor too weary nor too sorrowful to share the load that others have.

We pray for your guidance, Lord.

We pray for Shaun Eisenhauer, newly elected Congregation Council president, and all members of the council as they lead this congregation.

We pray, Lord help us to keep you first in our giving as well as in our living.

Lord, whenever sorrow dims, or doubt troubles hearts once close to you through Christ, send your Spirit with gentle, compelling whispers of comfort, faith, and renewal. Grant that our congregation and churches everywhere may overflow with joyous people serving others. In Jesus' name we pray for those near to us and we seek your mercy for all who have not yet found you. Amen.

— Omar Stuenkel



Letters to Trinity

We give thee but thine own. What e'er the gift may be; All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee. Amen.

We want to thank you for all your visits, prayers and flowers while Steve was in the hospital and rehab.

They were greatly appreciated and certainly helped him get well.

Thank you!

Steve & Sue McCoy and Family

I would like to thank everyone who sent flowers and cards and offered their prayers for me during my recent hospitalization. The kind people at Trinity have opened their hearts to me.

God bless you,

Shirley Gulden

ARTICLES SOUGHT FOR TRINITY PARISH

Trinity Parish editor, Donna Sprowls, is always looking for articles to include in the *Trinity Parish*. Does your ministry team, committee or group have an upcoming event that would benefit from publicity? Write an article or publicity notice and send it to Donna! Do you know of ministries that members of the congregation are quietly undertaking that the congregation may be interested in? Write an article and send it to Donna! Do you know of volunteer opportunities or a special person or persons who have shared their time and talents within the congregation or the community because they care? Send the information to Donna. Do you have an idea for an article, but are not sure it's appropriate, or don't know how to approach it, or just don't feel that you have the writing skills to do the article? Contact Donna! Donna would love the opportunity to discuss your idea. Email your articles, ideas or comments to Donna at parish@trinitycamphill.org. A reminder, all articles are due to Donna by the 10th (earlier is better!) of the month for the following month's *Trinity Parish*. If you have an idea that may take some time to develop into a completed article, please contact Donna early so that there is enough time to complete the article by the 10th.



Every Member Prayer List

January 29-February 4: Robert, Holly, and Adam Frymoyer; Edward and Doris Frye; Roger, Sharon, Ashley, and Jaime Fry; Kenneth, Susan, Michael, and Andrew Fry; Ann Fry; Kimberly Fry; Anne Fry; Gordon Fry. **February 5-11:** Natalie Froehlich; Shelly, Zachary, and Katelyn Frock; Jamie Frizzi; Richard Fritz; Justin Frick; Dennis and Loma Frick; Charles and Doris Frey. **February 12-18:** Mitzi Fortenbaugh; Jane and Kurtis Forney; Carol and Jay Forman; Joseph, Jill, Kyrsten, and Kylee Ford; Lisa, Brett, Alissa, Morgan, and Erin Ford; Neil, Mary Ann and Renee Force; Michelle Forbes. **February 19-25:** Lydia Foose; Bill Sr., Colleen, Bill Jr., and Susannah Foes; Jason, Lindsey, and Brianna Folk; Dale and Joyce Fohl; Dale Fohl III; Michael, Janet, Sarah and Julia Fogg; Arbutus Focht. **February 26-March 4:** Florence Floto; Kara Fleshman; Valerie, Spencer, and Zachary Fish; Jacob, Mary and Jacqueline Fischer; Angie and Jason Finnerty; Kevin Finkenbinder; Lucinda Figueiredo.



Parish Ministry

By Donna V. Sprowls

CHANGES FOR CPR TRAINING

The American Heart Association is introducing new materials with changes to the Health Care Provider CPR training. New books are on order and we will start conducting classes with this new material in March with a class on Saturday, March 4.

The money for all the new materials was anonymously donated to our Parish Ministry education.

Volunteer Corner

By Donna V. Sprowls



Ecumenical Food Pantry Needs: Each Sunday of every month food can be brought to the church for the Food Pantry. Please place your non-perishable food items in the food box in the Collection Closet in the Gathering Space, or in the baskets in the narthex. Some needed items are soup, noodles, baked beans, canned fruit and vegetables, peanut butter, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, baby food, powdered milk, tea bags, canned juice and canned meats.

Join other Trinity volunteers at the Ecumenical Food Pantry on the first Friday of each month, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call Nancy Bachman at 774-2528, for more details about this rewarding volunteer opportunity.

CDs of Christmas at Trinity 2005
 With the Chancel Choir,
 Adult Bell Choir and Orchestra
 Timothy Koch, conductor
 John Eaken, concertmaster
 Recorded December 11

...are available for \$10.00
 Selections include J. S. Bach's cantata "Wachet Auf"
 (Wake, Awake!);
 Carols for Choir, Bells and Orchestra,
 and Congregational carol singing.

Place your order with Jane Hess at 612-6633.

From the Missions Corner

By Elizabeth Winters



With funds available to distribute at the end of the year, the Missions Committee voted to send money to a new mission field in China, China Service Ventures. I heard about this mission at the Global Missions Event in August. Pastor Steve Ray impressed me with his enthusiasm and with his sincerity about bringing the message of Christ to those in the Henan Province of China. China Service Ventures is committed to fostering enriching relationships between Christian communities and individuals in North America with individuals and communities in China. They do this through prayer, learning about China, exchanging resources and personnel, and the development of service projects that benefit the Chinese people. The Province of Henan, in central China, has nearly 100 million people in an area only a little larger than Minnesota. It is a poor rural province subject to drought and flooding, thus harvest can be uncertain. High population density, scarcity of resources, extensive adult illiteracy and the cycle that breeds poverty and illness prevails. Since the mission field is now opening up in China once again, the committee felt that this was a way for us to help in bringing Christ back to the people. Another \$500 has been added to our missions support for the year 2006.

Ash Wednesday Services March 1, 2006

Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes will be offered at 7:00 a.m. (*spoken service in the nave*), 6:30 p.m. (*contemporary service in Fellowship Hall*), and 7:30 p.m. (*traditional service in the nave*).

THIRD EDITION OF PASTOR WINTERS' SERMONS AVAILABLE

The third edition of Pastor Winters' sermons, "Ordinary People made Extraordinary through God" is available for you if you would like a copy. The monies you give will again be given to the scholarship fund at The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in Pastor Winters' name. Call Elizabeth Winters at 697-3673 if you would like a copy or see her in church.

From the Vicar

www.trinitycamphill.org AGAIN!

By Jeff Weaver

Greetings in Christ!

I want to share with you a ministry that is very close to my heart. If you read my article in the December issue of *Trinity Parish*, you know that I have been involved in prison ministry while serving my intern year here at Trinity. Every week I go over to the Dauphin County Prison and work in the chaplain's office. I interview newly incarcerated people to find out their spiritual needs and explain the services provided by the chaplain's office. I also talk to inmates and participate in worship. What I have learned from the inmates is that people are just people. Inside the walls or outside we are all children of our Heavenly Father who loves us and calls us to be His own. Inmates struggle with many of the same problems and worries that anyone else does. They have the same fears, joys, and needs as anyone else. The difference is that they do all these things in a prison. These are men and women who have made mistakes and are paying for them. I believe that while all of us need to take responsibility for our actions and choices, and that those who are incarcerated are there for a reason, I also believe that everyone needs to know that God loves them. Everyone! And since these children of God can't come and worship with us and have community here with us, we must go to them and meet them where they are just as Jesus does.

I believe we are called to minister to those in prison by Jesus who says "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31). But are those in prison our neighbors? Jesus said "I was in prison and you visited me. . . I assure you, when you (visited) one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me" (Matthew 25:36).

Beginning on February 19, Chaplain Larry Coleman of the Dauphin County prison, and I, will be leading a special topics class on Sunday morning about prison ministry. The topics included will be: the **why** of prison ministry; how to be a part of prison ministry; and what you can do in prison ministry. We will also be talking about becoming a mentor.

What is a mentor? A mentor is someone who is willing to commit to walking with the incarcerated and recently released inmate as they attempt to find a better way. Mentoring involves visiting those in prison and forming a relationship; helping the inmate to navigate the world outside the prison; becoming a resource and a guide. A mentor does not do things for the former inmate or provide any monetary support. Rather the mentor is more like a guide, a listening ear, and a friend. A mentor makes a commitment to walk with someone and guide them as they make a new life for themselves after incarceration.

The class begins on Sunday, February 19, at 9:30 a.m., and will meet for three Sundays.

I ask that you pray about this ministry and for those who are incarcerated, that they never be forgotten.

In Christ,
Vicar Marie

The November issue of *Trinity Parish* included an article about Trinity's web site and some tips for navigating the site. Now it's quiz time! The answers to all of the following questions can be found from pages or documents on the web site. The results of this quiz along with the names of those who get all of the answers correct will be published in the April issue of *Trinity Parish*. Please email your answers to webmaster@trinitycamphill.org. Are you ready?

1. What is Trinity's fax number? Where is it found on the web site?
2. Where do you find out what the current church season is?
3. What is the first issue of *Trinity Parish* published on the web site?
4. What is the significance of Saturday, October 28, 2006?
5. Who preached the sermon at the 10:45 a.m. service on July 18, 2004?
6. What exit number does the web site suggest that you use if you are on the turnpike and want to get to Trinity?
7. Who was our first pastor and where does his/her name appear on the web site?
8. What event is taking place on Monday, October 30, 2006?
9. Where can you find a link to Martin Luther's small catechism?
10. The word portecochere appears at least twice on the web site. What is it and where does the word appear? (*This one is pretty obscure!*)

Good luck and happy hunting!



Blood Bank News

By Jeanie Bentzel

As many of you are aware, my goal for 2005 was 200 units of blood even though the Central PA Blood Bank sets our goal at 109 units! We almost made it! In 2005, Trinity Blood Bank collected 199 units. This compares to 165 units in 2004! I talked to my contact at the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank to get this number and her comment was, "You be sure to pass along many, many thanks from CPBB. We certainly appreciate the help we get from Trinity Lutheran, Camp Hill."

Thank you very much to our faithful donors since this is a record for Trinity's Blood Bank. The January 15 visit from the Central PA Blood Bank was a great success and we have also been getting many more donors at the hospitals, donor centers, and Community Blood Drives. Remember to tell them #157.

This year the CPBB will need in excess of 70,000 pints of blood to supply the nine local member hospitals. Anyone 17 years and older, in good health, and weighing 110 pounds is eligible to donate blood. Questions: Call Jeanie Bentzel, 766-3526. Each pint of blood can help up to three people. Remember that there is no substitute for human blood, people are the only source.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP INVITES YOU

The Book Discussion Group is open to all members of Trinity! We meet the third Sunday of every month in Room 234, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (unless otherwise announced).

This month we will be meeting on February 19 to discuss *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It* by Jim Wallis. We will also make our choices for the next six books at this meeting.

March 19 we will discuss *The Light in the Forest* by Conrad Richter. Richter grew up near Pine Grove, Schuylkill County.

For more information about the book discussion group, please contact Craig Staller at c.staller@att.net.

Spring Congregational Camping Trip

Back by Popular Demand!

We are once again planning to go to the Shenandoah National Park, Big Meadows Camp Ground for the Memorial Day extended weekend, May 26 through May 29.

Last year several of us spent five or six days there watching the deer roam through the campground and Big Meadow. A couple of us also spotted a bear!

There are great hiking trails all along the Skyline Drive, beautiful flowers, great friends, and don't forget the camping food adventure and campfire fellowship.

The cost is approximately \$19 per night, per site.

Sound good? Call Dan and Lyn Reed (717-938-5589) to get your registration form and any additional information.

All reservations **MUST** be made and paid for by March 1, so don't delay!!

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